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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2460

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PGOV, MY, SN
SUBJECT: SINGAPORE VIEWS OF HOME MINISTER GHAZALI

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 4913

WE NOTE WITH INTEREST REFTEL COMMENT THAT GHAZALI PRIDES HIMSELF ON HIS PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH INDONESIAN, THAI AND SINGAPORE LEADERS. GHAZ MAY BE KIDDING HIMSELF AS FAR AS SINGAPORE LEADERSHIP IS CONCERNED. WHILE THE SINGAPORE LEADERS RESPECT GHAZALI'S ABILITIES AND ENERGY, AND WHILE THEY RECOGNIZE HIS DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS, THEIR ASSESSMENT OF HIS INTEGRITY IS NOT VERY HIGH. THEY CONSIDER HIM DEVIOUS AND AN INVETERATE MEDDLER. THEY ALSO STILL SUSPECT THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN A RATHER MURKY "BLACK" OPERATION AGAINST SINGAPORE LAST YEAR (SEE 77 SINGAPORE 777 AND 874) IN WHICH MALAYSIAN SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS AND AN UNIDENTIFIED MALAYSIAN POLITICIAN ALLEGEDLY INDUCED A SINGAPOREAN OPPOSITION POLITICIAN TO SERVE AS THEIR FRONT MAN IN A SMEAR CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT LEE KUAN YEW. ALTHOUGH THE SINGAPOREANS (PRESUMABLY IN DEFERENCE TO SINGAPORE-
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MALAYSIAN RELATIONS) NEVER PUBLICLY SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY GHAZALI WITH THE INCIDENT, PRIVATELY THEY HARBOR STRONG SUSPICIONS OF HIS INVOLVEMENT.
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